

# Spotlight on Lower Savannah...



## Location & Climate

Located in the southwest area of the state, the Lower Savannah WIA is comprised of six counties: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, and Orangeburg. This area experiences average temperatures between the low 60s and low 70s and has between 46.06 and 49.19 inches of precipitation annually.

## Labor Force

The labor force in the Lower Savannah area reached 140,082 in 2004. The 2004 unemployment rate spanned from 5.8% to 9.8%, showing a decrease since 2003.

## Population

**Total area population 2004:** 305,443  
**Male:** 47.7% **Female:** 52.3%  
**White:** 55.0% **Nonwhite:** 45.0%

## Employment

Average monthly employment in 2004 for counties across the Lower Savannah WIA ranged from 3,051 in Allendale to 69,118 in Aiken.

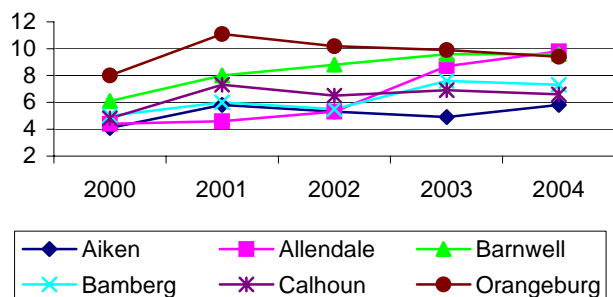
## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In 2004, unemployment insurance benefits paid by workforce centers in the Lower Savannah WIA reached a total of \$23,242,047.

## Per Capita Income

Per capita income for Lower Savannah WIA counties in 2003 ranged from \$17,221 in Allendale County to \$27,350 in Aiken County, between 66% and 105% of the state's PCI of \$26,144.

**Unemployment Rate by Country**



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